

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.111
Appln. No. 10/003,415

REMARKS

Further to the Amendment filed October 2, 2003, Applicants hereby respectfully submit this Supplemental Amendment canceling claim 5, in view of the incorporation thereof into claim 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of remaining claims 1-4 and 6-14 of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

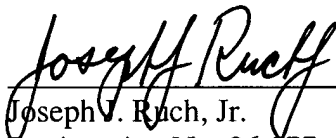
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